



SURF BOARDS, BOATS and rubber dinghies were used in this flooded area of Torrance, on W. 238th St., at Huber Ave., to get in and out. The parents didn't enjoy the water as much as the younger ones seem to be. —PRESS photo by William Schell, Jr.

Open Beaches Sought by Supervisors

A law to ensure that public beaches are open and free to all persons has been strongly recommended by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. On Hahn's motion, the Board of Supervisors acted to sponsor state legislation to that effect. Hahn acted after noting that the City of Laguna Beach in Orange County is considering a move to limit the use of its public beaches to city residents. Further, Laguna Beach also is considering charging non-residents a fee to use the beach. Hahn told the board of supervisors he was greatly surprised that the Attorney General has given the opinion that such could be legal-

ly done. Hahn believes such approach to the use of beaches is short-sighted and not in the public interest. "One of the great resources of this area, as well as the entire state, is its beaches," Hahn said. "These are regional recreational facilities which should be recognized as such and should for all time be reserved for the enjoyment of the entire population. "If one city starts excluding non-residents soon others will follow and the public beaches will be fragmented into small areas," said Hahn. Use Torrance Press classified ads. Phone DA 5-1313.

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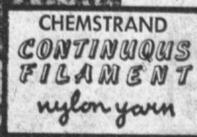
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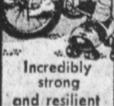
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Hospital Tells Plans for a Cobalt Bomb

Plans for the building addition which will house a "cobalt bomb" will be finished sometime this month, according to Arthur E. Miller, the hospital administrator. The schedule allows for construction to be completed in late 1963, for the installation and use of the cobalt equipment shortly thereafter.

When completed, the cobalt therapy unit will be the only one in the Torrance and South Coast area, Miller said. It is intended to provide the area's medical needs in the field of super-voltage cancer therapy. Statistics show that this area, with a population of 200,000 or more persons, is sufficiently large to justify and support a cobalt therapy unit.

Radiologists in charge of the program estimate that approximately 10 to 20 patients at a time will be undergoing therapy at the hospital. The majority of those will be "out patients," or persons making daily visits to the hospital for treatment.

The Cobalt "bomb" is equivalent to three million volts. This energy delivers a substantially higher dose to deep-seated tumors, according to doctors. Physicians explained that the cobalt source which is housed in the machine is about three-fourths of an inch in diameter and one inch high—the size of a small stack of dimes. However small the source it must be housed in a large sphere of lead and steel for protection to personnel. Additional protection of concrete walls and lead doors will complete the therapy room.

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